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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, IN  
SUBJECT: VISIT BY FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 197934

1. WHEN I SAW THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AUGUST 18, I RAISED MOST OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VAJPAYEE VISIT WHICH YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER TO DAVE SCHNEIDER AND IN REFTEL. HE REPLIED THAT THESE ISSUES WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN A FEW DAYS.

2. MY OWN FEELING IS THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE VAJPAYEE TO COME TO WASHINGTON AND BE HELPFUL ON HIS PROGRAM TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. HE IS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE DESAI GOVERNMENT AND WE SHOULD ACCORD HIM THIS STATUS. IN ADDITION TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, I WOULD HOPE HE COULD SEE DR. BRZEZINSKI, AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES (PERHAPS PREFERABLE TO FORMAL MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEES). I AM SURE THAT VAJPAYEE WILL HOPE TO SEE THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK IF THERE WILL BE A COMMON DATE WHEN BOTH ARE THERE.

3. I BELIEVE WE ARE SAFE IN ASSUMING THAT ANY GOI DECISION ON  
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THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT WILL HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. (MEHTA AND HSNKAR WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER.) FOR ANSWERS TO THE REST OF YOUR QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 REFTEL, WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPLY.

4. PLEASE BE SURE THAT PHIL TALBOT KNOWS OF VAJPAYEE'S NEW YORK

PLANS AS HE MAY WISH TO SCHEDULE SOME ACTIVITY WITH THE ASIA  
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